

Mr. BOWMAN. Some of the individual agencies could give me information and I will be glad to get it for you as to the demands that they have had for certain of their information. In other words, the Census Bureau has developed a sample of its population census in which in this case the identity of the individuals is lost so far as the user of the sample is concerned.

Mr. GALLAGHER. I am not asking about confidentiality. How many customers do you have for this? How many users?

Mr. BOWMAN. I could find out how many tapes were sold. At the present time it is like asking a new business how many customers it is going to have. One of the things we will want to consider is whether it is worthwhile setting up such a center in terms of the service that can be performed.

Mr. GALLAGHER. Should you not have that information already if you are talking about the need for this as a matter of efficiency?

Mr. BOWMAN. Mr. Chairman, at the present time various statistical agencies are now beginning to develop tapes with information from other agencies. We are in the process now of each agency trying to constitute itself a data center. We are trying to find out if there is not a better way of serving the needs of all Federal statistical agencies just as one group by having the information that it seems appropriate to put centrally located or to have access to it from a central place so that the agencies can use it but without sacrificing the confidentiality of individuals. We think it can be done.

Mr. GALLAGHER. Somebody decided you can do that. Just as a matter of economics, I am sure the Budget Bureau would have an interest in it.

Mr. BOWMAN. We certainly do.

Mr. GALLAGHER. How many potential customers do you have now? How many users do you have? Who will use it?

Mr. BOWMAN. I will get you information on people that are doing this now, if you wish me to. I do not have this information—

Mr. GALLAGHER. Would this not be something that in the beginning should have stimulated the desire for the Central Data Bank or is this just Mr. Ruggles' idea that we ought to have it? Is there a need for it?

Mr. BOWMAN. Let us say it is not Mr. Ruggles' idea alone. A committee was appointed because there is a clear-felt need on the part of a variety of people. They do not have now adequate access to information that is available.

Mr. GALLAGHER. Who?

Mr. BOWMAN. Various members in the academic community, various students of the economy, people who use information in order to—

Mr. GALLAGHER. Do they use it now?

Mr. BOWMAN. They now gather under various hindrances. They think this would improve their access to data without—

Mr. GALLAGHER. Do the agencies who now have the information in these tapes have a list of the users? How many requests have been made? How many requests have been denied?

Mr. BOWMAN. Yes. For some of the things in which this has been done we do have that kind of information.

Mr. GALLAGHER. Does Mr. Ruggles or Mr. Dunn or yourself have this information?